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In re Application of
Erwin Bayer
Application No. 10/568,394
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Attorney Docket No. 10537/319

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 7, 2008, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements of August 8, 2006, which set a two (2) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before October 10, 2006.

Petitioner states that a timely reply was mailed via Express Mail on October 10, 2006, which includes the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the authorization to charge the \$130 Surcharge. Petitioner has submitted a copy of the previously mailed correspondence and the post card receipt which bears a received date stamp of October 10, 2006.

The file record does not include the originally submitted papers. Failure to receive correspondence is addressed in 37 CFR 1.8(b), reproduced below:

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The petition satisfies the above requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b). Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements of August 8, 2008 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

The copy of the reply received with the petition will be accepted.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Examination Processing



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